

Security, Reliability and Accountability for America.

Border Security and Immigration Enforcement

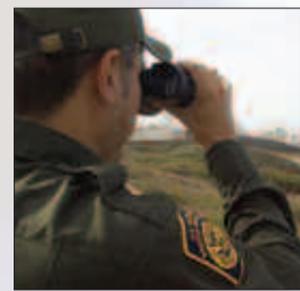
Securing our borders is a basic responsibility of the federal government. I am committed to restoring the integrity of our borders through strong enforcement of our immigration laws and holding those who knowingly hire illegal immigrants accountable.

In 1986, Congress passed a "one-time" amnesty for illegal immigrants coupled with a promise for better enforcement. The amnesty portion was granted, but the enforcement never materialized the way it was promised. While some positive steps were taken, the border was never truly secured and illegal immigrants continued to be hired by unwitting or unprincipled employers. The result has been more illegal immigration at a tremendous cost.

Yet it seems that many Members of Congress have not learned from past mistakes.

The Senate has passed S. 2611, an immigration reform bill that creates a guest worker system and allows illegal immigrants living in the U.S. to adjust their status and gain legal residency. *I oppose any immigration policy that would confer the cherished privilege of U.S. Citizenship to a person who has violated our immigration laws.*

I am committed to stopping the Senate amnesty plan and passing an enforcement-first bill. For too long, employers have been unable or unwilling to verify the employment status of their workforce. That is why, in 1996, I created the Basic Pilot Program, which is a voluntary electronic verification system that checks the name and Social Security Number of new employees. Today, over 10,000 employers have volunteered to use the Basic Pilot Program and 200 more employers sign up each



U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AGENT monitors the U.S. - Mexico border.

week. The program is easy to use and very reliable. Both the House and Senate versions of the immigration bill (H.R. 4437 and S. 2611) would make the Basic Pilot Program mandatory for all employers and bring accountability

to the employment process.

House and Senate committees have been holding hearings in Washington and throughout the nation on immigration to hear from the people and focus on different aspects of immigration reform. Southern California has already hosted one hearing and it is likely that more hearings will be coming to the area. On August 2, I participated in a House Armed Services Committee hearing to assess the impact illegal immigration has had in the readiness and training of our Armed Forces. The witnesses made it clear that while we often hear about the burden illegal immigration places on health care providers, law enforcement and the environment, it also can threaten our national security by impacting military training and operations.

The House of Representatives is conducting 19 hearings in 12 states on immigration issues during the month of August. The complete list of hearings can be found at <http://www.gop.gov/morehearings.aspx>.

Be Prepared

It is important for you and your family to be prepared in the event of a storm, pandemic, earthquake, or terrorist attack. I encourage you to visit my website at <http://calvert.house.gov/newsletters.asp> to download and print an emergency preparedness pamphlet that can help you and your family make plans in case of an emergency. You can also visit www.redcross.org and www.oes.ca.gov for more information.



KEN CALVERT, local officials and staff discuss law enforcement issues.

Reliable Energy Supplies and Transportation Infrastructure

The high energy prices affecting Americans' pocket-books are a result of worldwide competition. Americans are competing with people in India and China for the same barrel of oil. The solution is to increase the supply while lowering demand. There continues to be a heated debate in Washington about the best way to lower energy costs, however, we can all agree that American families and businesses must have access to affordable and reliable sources of energy.

While looking for additional ways to conserve energy we must also increase domestic supplies of fossil fuels. The American economy continues to depend on the use of oil and natural gas, and until demand lessens, Americans must look at sources of fuel that exist right here in our country.

- The Energy Policy Act of 2005, passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush last year, represents a comprehensive energy policy that will power the American economy well into the 21st Century.

- The Gasoline for America's Security Act, passed by the House last fall, authorizes presidential designation of potential refinery sites on federal lands and military bases that are closing and would set up a process for coordinating authorization and related environmental reviews for construction of new refineries.

Just as important as conservation and developing domestic energy production is the need to advance and encourage renewable energy technologies. Renewable energy can become a competing energy source that works to drive down all energy prices while increasing the reliability of energy supplies. I have cosponsored a number of bills with this goal in mind, including:

- The Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act (HR 5656) would advance new technologies related to nuclear power, biofuels, advanced vehicles, solar and wind energy, and energy efficiency.
- The Securing America's Energy Independence Act (HR 5206) would encourage renewable energy use by extending solar and fuel cell tax credits.

- The Hybrid Vehicle HOV Access Act (HR 444) would encourage the use of hybrid vehicles by allowing states to permit single-rider vehicles to use HOV lanes.
- The H-Prize Act (HR 5143) would encourage the development of hydrogen energy technologies by awarding competitive cash prizes.



TRAFFIC on the 91 Freeway.

An improved transportation infrastructure will also alleviate traffic congestion and reduce energy consumption. Traffic congestion leads to wasted gas and contributes to poor air quality. The 91 freeway has some of the worst congestion in the nation, which is why we must expand the 91 freeway *and* build a new corridor between Riverside and Orange counties. New auxiliary lanes on the 91 freeway are planned, which will help alleviate some traffic. However, the long-term solution is to build additional capacity between the counties. I share many people's frustration by the number of studies required before construction can begin, but they are necessary to complete before any concrete can be poured. In 2005, I helped secure \$15.8 million to complete environmental impact and corridor studies.

Solving inter-county traffic problems is a top priority for the region, I continue to support building grade separations in the City of Riverside and elsewhere, improving traffic flow on Interstate 15 and completing the Foothill South project to take cars off of Interstate 5 in south Orange County.



KEN CALVERT and House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter review military plans in Iraq.

Iraq and the Global War on Terror

Nearly five years after the September 11, 2001 attacks, much progress has been made in Iraq and the Global War on Terror. The Coalition in Iraq is helping the Iraqis take the fight to the enemy. The Iraqi army is becoming more capable and taking on more responsibility for securing Iraq's borders. More than 250,000 Iraqi Security Forces have been trained and equipped and the Iraqis are increasingly leading operations and taking control of their country. I have traveled to Iraq three times and I can report that the situation is difficult but improving and there is still much work to be done. Nineteen water treatment plants that serve 2.7 million people have been built. In addition to

3,000 completed school rehabilitation projects, nine million textbooks have been distributed, and 36,000 teachers have been trained. Also, a nationwide vaccination program has immunized nearly 100 percent of Iraqi children.

The focus of the coalition is now on standing up a credible police force in the country. The progress is made possible because Iraq has had three successful elections, adopted a new constitution, and formed a unity government that represents all Iraqis. U.S. and Iraqi troops have captured or killed a number of foreign terrorists within the country, including the notorious Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Veterans

Our men and women in uniform have performed superbly and made great sacrifices in the Global War on Terror. With an all volunteer military it is important to show those serving today that America supports them as well as those who have already served. I have cosponsored a number of bills (below) in the 109th Congress to make sure our Active and Reserve servicemembers along with Veterans and their families receive the benefits they earned in the service of our country.

Selected Bills in Congress for Military and Veterans. (To find out more about the details of specific legislation you can visit <http://thomas.loc.gov>)

Active Duty/Guard and Reserve
H.R. 97- Servicemembers Anti-Predatory Lending Protection Act
H.R. 558 - Guard and Reserve Readiness and Retention Act of 2005
H.R. 5081 - The Military Spouses Employment Act

Survivor Benefits and Retirement
H.R. 147- Social Security Fairness Act of 2005
H.R. 303 - Full Concurrent Receipt
H.R. 783 - Age 55 Reserve Retirement
H.R. 808 - Repeal SBP-DIC Offset
H.R. 968 - Paid-Up SBP

The stolen laptop containing the personal information of millions of veterans, service members and family members was recovered the week of June 26, 2006.

Health Care and Other Issues

H.R. 916 - Repeal Medicare Therapy Caps
H.R. 994 - Pre-Tax Health Premiums
H.R. 602- Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act
H.R. 2356 - Preserving Patient Access
H.R. 5520 - Office of Veterans Identity Protection Claims



KEN CALVERT discusses Veterans' benefits with military veterans in Riverside, CA.

Economic Security and a Tax Relief



KEN CALVERT and Governor Schwarzenegger discuss math and science education issues in Riverside, CA.

The revitalized American economy is strong and growing stronger. Over 5.5 million jobs have been created since August 2003. At 4.8 percent, the unemployment rate is lower than the average of the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and the 1990s. The pro-growth policies implemented by the

Congress and the President have encouraged robust economic growth and job creation, which have increased government revenues and reduced the deficit. In July, the Office of Management and Budget reported the Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 budget deficit is forecast to be 30 percent lower than the forecast in February and the goal to halve the deficit is on track to be met a year ahead of schedule.

An ongoing focus in Congress is making America a more attractive place to do business. To keep America competitive in the global marketplace we must develop the skilled labor companies need and reduce the cost of doing business in the United States. People pay taxes every day of their lives and they should not have to pay again upon their death. Workers invest in a pension system every day and they deserve a secure benefit when they retire. These bills increase fairness for workers, give certainty to family-owned businesses, and spur economic growth and security. More information is available at <http://waysandmeans.house.gov>.

Pro-Growth legislation passed in the 109th Congress by the House of Representatives:

Tax Relief and Simplification

- H.R. 4297 – Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act
- H.R. 4096 – Extend the Alternative Minimum Tax relief for 2006
- H.R. 5638 - Permanent Estate Tax Relief Act of 2006

Bureaucratic Red Tape Termination

- H.R. 739 – Occupational Safety and Health Small Businesses Day in Court Act
- H.R. 3505 – Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act
- H.R. 2990 - Credit Rating Agency Duopoly Relief Act of 2006
- H.R. 5252 - Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006

Innovation and Investment

- H.R. 3 – Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
- H.R.250 - Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act
- H.R. 5143 – H-Prize Act to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy

Trade Fairness and Opportunity

- H.R. 3283 - United States Trade Rights Enforcement Act
- H.R. 3045 - Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act
- H.R. 32 - Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act

Since 2001, Congressman Calvert has nominated 137 students to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO, The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, The Coast Guard Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Information on how to apply for a nomination to an Academy can be found at <http://calvert.house.gov/academynominations.asp>



KEN CALVERT meets with Cadets he appointed to the Air Force Academy from California's 44th Congressional District. From left to right: 2nd Lt Michael Napolitano (Class of 2006), C2C Christopher Wood (Class of 2008), 2nd Lt Grace Yi (Class of 2006), C3C Ryan Rutherford (Class of 2009), 2nd Lt Rachel Toepfer (Class of 2006), 2nd Lt Richard Young (Class of 2006), Ken Calvert, 2nd Lt Luke Robertson (Class of 2006), C2C Brian Williams (Class of 2008), C1C Eric Garcia (Class of 2007), C3C Brett Lesser (Class of 2009), (C3C Alycia Clore (Class of 2009)

Congressman Ken Calvert

urges all citizens to vote on November 7th

Registering to Vote

Who Can Vote? You must be a United States citizen, California resident and at least 18 years of age by election day.

Where do I obtain a form to register? Your local Post Office, library, Department of Motor Vehicles, city and county offices, or the California Secretary of State's website at www.ss.ca.gov/elections.

Mail your form to register to vote! The postage is pre-paid. Just drop it in any mailbox. Last day to register is October 23rd for the November 7th election.

Watch for your voter notification card in the mail! The card is proof that you are registered and is usually sent 3 to 4 weeks after your voter registration form is processed.

What else can I do? Inform a new neighbor how he/she can register to vote and the location of their polling place.

Voter's Checklist for General Election

October 9, 2006

First day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail. Call the Riverside Registrar of Voters at 951-486-7200 or the Orange County Registrar at 714-567-7600 to request an absentee ballot.

October 23, 2006

Last day to register to vote. Also, if you do not receive your sample ballot two weeks before the election, call the Registrar of Voters Office immediately to be sure you are correctly registered and to obtain the location of your polling place.

October 31, 2006

Last day to request an absentee ballot.

November 7, 2006

ELECTION DAY! Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots must be received by mail or in person by close of polls on November 7th.

VOTE!!

Supporting the Troops

Our troops are serving throughout the world in the Global War on Terror to keep us safe at home. Below are the websites of some organizations that provide services to our men and women in uniform.

www.americasupportsyou.mil

www.calguard.ca.gov/readyfamilies

www.lifelines.navy.mil

www.army.mil/wellbeing



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Congress has made progress this year on a number of issues that directly impact California's 44th district. As your representative in Washington I would like to take this opportunity to update you on various issues and solicit your feedback on what Congress could improve upon.

Enforcing immigration laws and improving border security continues to be one of my highest priorities in Congress. The House and Senate have each passed immigration reform bills and my Employment Verification program is a core component of each chamber's immigration reform bill (p 2).

Traffic congestion is always foremost on my mind and we all have been impacted by rising gas prices. I am working to maximize our energy supplies and decrease the traffic congestion on our roads (p 3).

Our men and women in uniform continue to do an outstanding job fighting the Global War on Terror and protecting American citizens at home and abroad. Congress must support both the troops in the field today and the veterans who have answered our nation's call in the past (p 4).

The economy continues to grow, helped by sound fiscal policies and tax relief. The federal budget deficit is shrinking as tax receipts are rising. Taxpayers have a right to demand value for their hard earned dollars and I am committed to responsible government spending with accountability (p 5).

For the Seniors in our community, the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit has proved for many to be a money saving way to get their prescriptions filled. **Over 86 percent of the Medicare beneficiaries in California's 44th district now have prescription drug coverage. For the latest information, visit www.medicare.gov.**

Of course, government doesn't hold all of the answers and sometimes fails to recognize problems. That is why I encourage you to contact me on any issue of importance to you. Working together, we can find common sense solutions to the issues that face Southern California.

Ken



P.S. Look on the back for ways to support our troops!

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